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California's Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Increase by 14,200 *Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 12.6 Percent*

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was unchanged at 12.6 percent in April, and nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 14,200 during the month, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate increased to 9.9 percent in April.

In March, the state's unemployment rate was 12.6 percent, and in April 2009, the unemployment rate was 11.0 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

California has gained jobs in each of the first four months of 2010, with gains over the period totaling 56,400 jobs. Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 13,866,000 in April, an increase of 14,200 over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (April 2009 to April 2010) shows a decrease of 355,300 jobs (down 2.5 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed people during the month. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in April was 16,015,000, an increase of 76,000 from March, but down 306,000 from the employment total in April of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,300,000 – down by 7,000 over the month, but up by 290,000 compared with April of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 13,866,000 in April, a net gain of 14,200 jobs since the March survey. This followed a gain of 14,000 jobs (as revised) in March.

Five categories (mining and logging; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 28,200 jobs. Government posted the largest increase over the month, adding 14,000 jobs. Six categories (construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; and educational and health services) reported job declines this month, down 14,000 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decline over the month, down by 4,100 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (April 2009 to April 2010), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 355,300 jobs (down 2.5 percent).

Two industry divisions, information, and educational and health services, posted job gains over the year, adding 37,300 jobs. Educational and health services recorded the largest increase over the year on both a numerical and percentage basis, up 32,100 jobs (a 1.9 percent increase).

Nine categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 392,600 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline over the year on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 92,300 jobs (a decline of 14.3 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 729,211 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the April survey week. (When federal UI extensions are included, the total is 1,529,448 people receiving benefits.) This compares with 768,583 last month and 853,607 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 83,896 in April 2010, compared with 70,450 in March and 72,718 in April of last year.

NOTE TO EDITORS: *EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to do so on-line through our Web site at www.edd.ca.gov. On-line claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for unemployment benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. EDD's UI telephone lines also are open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for claim filing and assistance.*

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	April 2010 (prelim.)	March 2010 (revised)	April 2009	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	13,866.0	13,851.8	14,221.3	-2.5
Mining and logging	24.7	24.4	26.4	-6.4
Construction	553.8	555.7	646.1	-14.3
Manufacturing	1,237.2	1,241.3	1,304.2	-5.1
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,580.1	2,583.1	2,665.7	-3.2
Information	447.6	450.1	442.4	-1.2
Financial activities	777.8	778.9	804.4	-3.3
Professional and business services	2,035.3	2,032.2	2,072.8	-1.8
Educational and health services	1,766.6	1,768.0	1,734.5	1.9
Leisure and hospitality	1,483.6	1,474.3	1,510.8	-1.8
Other services	477.3	475.8	491.7	-2.9
Government*	2,482.0	2,468.0	2,522.3	-1.6
Agriculture	389.1	384.2	369.2	5.4

*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	April 2010 (prelim.)	March 2010 (revised)	February 2010	April 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,315,000	18,246,000	18,162,000	18,331,000
Total civilian employment	16,015,000	15,939,000	15,885,000	16,321,000
Unemployment	2,300,000	2,307,000	2,277,000	2,010,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.6	12.6	12.5	11.0
US seasonally adjusted rate % .	9.9	9.7	9.7	8.9

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	April 2010 (prelim.)	March 2010 (revised)	February 2010	April 2009
Civilian labor force ^a	18,257,000	18,316,000	18,200,000	18,251,000
Total civilian employment	16,019,000	15,936,000	15,867,000	16,320,000
Unemployment	2,238,000	2,380,000	2,332,000	1,931,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.3	13.0	12.8	10.6

^a Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

²Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method that removes typical employment patterns that occur at various times throughout the year (e.g., additional retail hiring during the holiday season).

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
April 2010 (Preliminary); 2009 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,257,100	16,019,400	2,237,700	12.3%
ALAMEDA	757,600	670,100	87,500	11.5%
ALPINE	460	400	70	14.5%
AMADOR	17,930	15,550	2,380	13.3%
BUTTE	105,800	91,100	14,700	13.9%
CALAVERAS	20,100	16,880	3,220	16.0%
COLUSA	12,320	9,770	2,550	20.7%
CONTRA COSTA	522,800	463,900	58,900	11.3%
DEL NORTE	11,660	10,070	1,590	13.7%
EL DORADO	92,200	80,300	11,900	12.9%
FRESNO	448,700	373,000	75,700	16.9%
GLENN	12,930	10,820	2,110	16.3%
HUMBOLDT	61,400	54,200	7,200	11.7%
IMPERIAL	75,400	54,400	21,000	27.9%
INYO	9,860	8,940	920	9.3%
KERN	366,900	306,300	60,600	16.5%
KINGS	62,500	52,000	10,500	16.8%
LAKE	25,340	20,640	4,700	18.5%
LASSEN	13,460	11,390	2,070	15.4%
LOS ANGELES	4,874,400	4,292,500	581,900	11.9%
MADERA	67,300	56,300	11,000	16.3%
MARIN	130,500	119,700	10,900	8.3%
MARIPOSA	9,520	8,360	1,160	12.2%
MENDOCINO	43,350	38,170	5,190	12.0%
MERCED	107,900	86,400	21,500	19.9%
MODOC	3,850	3,230	620	16.1%
MONO	9,320	8,560	760	8.2%
MONTEREY	219,700	191,900	27,800	12.7%
NAPA	75,500	68,000	7,500	10.0%
NEVADA	50,360	44,480	5,880	11.7%
ORANGE	1,602,400	1,450,800	151,600	9.5%
PLACER	178,200	157,700	20,500	11.5%
PLUMAS	9,480	7,570	1,910	20.2%
RIVERSIDE	912,100	781,900	130,200	14.3%
SACRAMENTO	686,000	600,500	85,500	12.5%
SAN BENITO	26,400	21,300	5,100	19.2%
SAN BERNARDINO	865,600	743,900	121,700	14.1%
SAN DIEGO	1,562,500	1,400,500	162,000	10.4%
SAN FRANCISCO	454,900	411,400	43,500	9.6%
SAN JOAQUIN	304,200	250,500	53,700	17.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	137,200	123,400	13,700	10.0%
SAN MATEO	370,600	336,500	34,200	9.2%
SANTA BARBARA	224,800	204,900	19,900	8.8%
SANTA CLARA	876,400	776,100	100,300	11.4%
SANTA CRUZ	149,800	129,600	20,200	13.5%
SHASTA	84,800	70,900	13,900	16.4%
SIERRA	1,700	1,420	270	16.1%
SISKIYOU	20,190	16,750	3,440	17.0%
SOLANO	214,400	188,200	26,200	12.2%
SONOMA	255,600	228,600	27,000	10.6%
STANISLAUS	237,600	194,100	43,500	18.3%
SUTTER	43,100	33,900	9,200	21.3%
TEHAMA	25,780	21,580	4,210	16.3%
TRINITY	5,040	4,010	1,030	20.4%
TULARE	209,800	174,300	35,500	16.9%
TUOLUMNE	26,220	22,430	3,790	14.5%
VENTURA	435,500	389,800	45,800	10.5%
YOLO	99,600	86,700	12,900	12.9%
YUBA	28,300	23,000	5,300	18.8%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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